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Candidate Name:

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Political Party Affiliation:

Republican

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Candidate for what office?

New Mexico House of Representatives

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District #:

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Address:

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Clovis

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What are your past political activities (Offices held, candidate, volunteer, etc)

I was the elected District Attorney in the 9th Judicial district since 2014. I retired March of this year. I have been and am currently a volunteer for the republican party and have sat on numerous boards throughout my 25 year career as a prosecutor as a volunteer.

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Why are you seeking this office?

I am unhappy seeing the direction NM is taking in many areas. Inflation is out of control, crime is at an all time high, businesses are running to our border states, illegal immigration is adding to our crime problem, we are last in education, employment and we are watching our doctors leave this state. We need to make it easier for businesses to do business in New Mexico.

Q11

No

Have you or your business, if you are a business owner, ever been the subject of any state or federal tax liens? If yes, please explain.

Q12

No

Have you ever been involved in a personal or business bankruptcy proceeding? If yes, please explain.

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No

Have you ever been arrested, charged, or convicted of a misdemeanor or felony crime in New Mexico or any other state? If yes, please explain.

Q14

State Budget: New Mexico's state budget provides for the state's recurring expenses as well as one-time, non-recurring expenditures, such as road construction, infrastructure, expansion, ... etc. What do you think is most important for New Mexico to do when there is surplus revenue?

Other,

Please explain your answer:
I believe 2 of these things can be important. Sometimes money needs to be aimed at a certain projects in our state, for example the Ute Water project and roads in my area. Lastly, we have to build our reserves when the money does not come in that previous year. I don't believe in expanding more govt programs.

Q15

Legislator funds: Legislators are usually provided funds for specific projects within their districts. How do you think these funds should be distributed to legislators?

Equally distributed to each legislator,

Briefly explain your answer :
Each legislator should receive the same amount as each District they represent is equally important. Otherwise, larger places would receive all the funding, not rural areas. That would be not be just. I am from a rural area and believe distribution based on economic activity and tax income production would not be just to some counties that are smaller or more rural.

Q16

State Tax Code: On a scale of one (critical) to five (unimportant), how important is it that New Mexico completely restructure its tax code?

(no label)
Comment:

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We need to simplify the tax code. Our current tax code is to complicated and cumbersome.

Q17

State Tax Code: Are you in favor of the current Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) system for NM or moving to a sales tax?

Other,

Explain your answer:
The burden is on the business to pay whether they can or do collect from the customer with GRT. Sales tax is just a pass through for the business. It becomes a double taxation on many businesses that have to pay GRT on services they need to produce a product that they then have to pay GRT on when they sell. But the state should strongly consider a flat tax.

Q18

Crime: Do you believe that the crime rate and the court's sentencing of criminals in New Mexico negatively impacts our ability to attract new businesses and industries to our state?

Yes,

Please explain your answer:
Businesses and industries are not going to bring their families to a state where crime is one of the highest in the country. We need to toughen our criminal penalties and eliminate the revolving door where defendants are released right back into the community after committing crimes. When New Mexico is secure, business will come.

Q19

Crime: What are your thoughts on the 2016 Constitutional Amendment, Denial of Bail for Certain Felonies, and its impact on the state?

It has been detrimental to the state by putting dangerous criminals back on the streets

Please explain your position:

I have been a prosecutor for 25 years and have seen both systems. I have personally watched dangerous criminals commit a crime, be arrested, released, and recommit dangerous crime. This is not working. Bail worked. We need to make certain crimes automatically detainable and keep repeat offenders and violent criminals in jail. Additionally, we need to keep repeat retail offenders (like chronic shoplifters and burglars) in jail. Lastly, individuals who fail to appear for court hearings without a valid excuse need to be held until their case is resolved.

Q20

Government Mandates: What is your position on general government mandates on business operations?

I oppose government mandates on general business operations because these decisions should be left to business owners on how they run their business.

Q21

Energy: NM's oil and gas producers were largely responsible for the dramatic increase in state tax revenue. Do you support effective land and resource management that allows these extractive industries to maximize production and budgetary support for NM?

Yes,

Please briefly explain your answer:

We should use our abundant natural resources and oil to bring money to New Mexico.

Q22

Regulation: On a scale of one (critical) to five (unimportant), how important is it that environmental regulations be increased/expanded from current levels to protect New Mexico's land, air, and water?

(no label)

Briefly explain your answer:

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While we should conserve things like water for example, the push to go "green" immediately is impossible and unrealistic. Our infrastructure can not support this. In addition, unless other countries do the same, going "green" will never happen. NM is already one of the most heavily regulated states by the environmental department.

Q23

Land Grant Permanent Fund: Do you support or oppose increased distributions (above the current 5%) from the Land Grant Permanent Fund?

Oppose

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Employment Laws: What is your position on government mandated employee benefits like sick leave, PTO,... etc?

Other,

Comments:

While this may work for government employees, this does not work for businesses. They can not afford to do paid time off and keep their business running.

Q25

Employment Laws: In recent years, legislation is proposed each session concerning the state's minimum wage. Please state how you feel wages should be determined and explain your answer.

Wages should be determined by allowing the free market or supply/demand to determine an appropriate amount

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Please explain your answer:

I was opposed to the last minimum wage increase. This killed small business, especially restaurants, who could not afford this...especially during a pandemic. There is actually a negative impact on businesses as you see business going more toward automation as it crushes the entry level job market for newer/younger employees.

Q26

Workforce Development: On a scale of 1 (critical) to 5 (unimportant), how important do you feel is it that New Mexico's higher learning institutions offer technical and trade related degrees and certifications?

(no label)

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Explain your reasoning:

I think trades are a great way to make a living and benefit New Mexicans. I would not oppose these certifications and degrees from higher learning institutions, but unions/groups are already in place for most trades. I don't find it to be an "emergency" issue at this point.

Q27

Economic Incentives: On a scale of one (critical) to five (unimportant), how important is it that state incentives for businesses, such as LEDA, JTIP and tax abatement include mandatory achievement requirements for use of the money as well as enforceable claw back parameters, if those requirements are not met?

(no label)

1 (critical)

Please explain your answer:

This is the policy implemented by the city of Clovis following the loss of economic dollars. So, I believe it is critical. Claw back parameters benefited Clovis. However, it is important to remember that the source of such incentives is tax payer dollars. For this reason, accountability of how these funds are distributed and utilized is critical in order to ensure efficient and ethical use of New Mexico's tax dollars.

Q28

What is your opinion of sanctuary status for the state of New Mexico?

Sanctuary status violates federal and state law and should not be an option for New Mexico

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Currently the governor can extend emergency declarations/orders 30 indefinitely. Do you support or oppose new legislation requiring legislative approval of any executive 'emergency' declaration beyond 60 days?

Support

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Is there anything else you would like to share about your candidacy or your desire to serve the people of your district?

I have been a public servant my entire career. I would love to continue to serve the citizens of New Mexico and my district. I understand the importance of small businesses, the problem with crime and illegal immigration, how inflation is hurting the everyday family and the many more problems facing New Mexico. It is time to stop being last in education and employment. We can't expect the politicians who implemented these problems to fix them. I want to help take New Mexico back to where it needs to be...less government control.
